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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR MASS BM

SUBJECT: BURMA AIR FORCE REQUESTS BOMBS AND ROCKETS

REF: A. RANGOON 1447

B. RANGOON 1473

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH U PYI SOE JUNE 23
ON NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT (REF B) I SAID I UNDERSTOOD
THAT COLONEL SAW PRU HAD REQUESTED 25- POUND BOMBS
AND 2.75 ROCKETS FROM U. S. AIR ATTACHE LT. COLONEL
WYNNE. I NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT PYI SOE HAD NOT MENTIONED
BOMBS AND ROCKETS IN DISCUSSING GUB NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT
NEEDS.

2. PYI SOE WAS SOMEWHAT VAGUE IN HIS REPLY BUT CONFIRMED
THAT BOMBS AND ROCKETS WERE NOT BEING REQUESTED
AT THIS TIME. HE THOUGHT BURMESE AIR FORCE WOULD
FIND OTHER MEANS OF OBTAINING THEIR REQUIREMENT.

3. COMMENT: OUR GUESS IS THAT GUB WANTS TO KEEP
FOCUS ON ITS HELICOPTER AND AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS
AND NOT MUDDY WATERS WITH REQUESTS FOR BOMBS AND
ROCKETS. THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH GUB POSITION
DURING APRIL 1972 NEGOTIATIONS.

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